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Corrected Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 70 (cancelled)

71. (new) A building structure comprising:

a support module; and

a plurality of enclosed room modules each of which is independently attachable to and cantilevered from the support module;

attachment mechanisms on the support module comprising an array of spaced apart attachment locations provided along a chassis member of the support module, each of which attachment locations being suitable for co-operation with and attachment to corresponding attachment mechanisms provided on a room chassis of a room module, the position of attachment of the room module with respect to the support module being variable by attaching the room module at different locations along the chassis member of the support module.

72. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the support module supports one room module adjacent another, the room modules being horizontally spaced apart from one another.

73. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein each room module is spaced apart from an adjoining room module.

74. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein a cladding is provided around the building structure.

75. (new) A building structure according to Claim 74, wherein the cladding is attached to and supported by a foundation.

76. (new) A building structure according to Claim 74, wherein the cladding is attached to and supported by a roof structure.

77. (new) A building structure according to Claim 74, wherein the cladding is attached to and supported by at least one room module.

78. (new) A building structure according to Claim 74, wherein the cladding comprises a plurality of demountable panels.

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79. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the support module supports a roof structure which covers the support module and each room module, the roof structure being spaced apart from the support and room modules.

80. (new) A building structure according to Claim 79, wherein the roof structure includes a room module.

81. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein a foundation structure underlies the support module, the foundation structure being spaced apart from the room modules and has a main portion upon which the support module sits and one or more stabilizing portions extending from the main portion, wherein the foundation structure is manufactured as a precast concrete structure.

82. (new) A building structure according to Claim 81, wherein the or each stabilizing portion underlies one or more room modules and is spaced apart from the room modules and comprises a frame of foundation material having an outer perimeter, the center of the frame being a void.

83. (new) A building structure according to Claim 81, wherein one or more piles extend from the foundation structure into the underlying ground.

84. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the room chassis defines a volume, and wherein the room chassis is constructed from one or more upper and lower members connected rigidly by upright members but not braced by diagonal members, the rigidity of the room chassis being secured by rigidity at the chassis joints, and wherein panels are provided between the members of the room chassis to provide side walls, a floor and a ceiling.

85. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein a room module includes one or more internal partitions to define one or more rooms in each room module.

86. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein a room module includes at least one door aperture and/or at least one window aperture.

87. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the attachment mechanisms comprise a plurality of holes formed in the support chassis of the support module and the room

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module, the holes being alignable to receive therethrough a locking bolt to secure the room module to the support module.

88. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the support module includes a circulation passage having access to each room module attached thereto.

89. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein a further support module is attachable on top the support module to provide a further story to the building structure.

90. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein a further support module is attachable adjacent the support module to provide a plurality of support members in side by side engagement.

91. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the services for the building are principally routed through the support module, thereby facilitating the connection of services to each room module attached to or attachable to the support module, and wherein each room module has services fitted in preparation for connection to corresponding services on the support module.

92. (new) A building structure according to Claim 71, wherein the support module has demountable wall panels, the wall panels being blank panels for walls of the support module which do not require an aperture therein and wall panels having an aperture therein for walls of the support module which do require an aperture therein, an aperture in a wall panel of the support module being alignable with an aperture in a wall panel of a room module.

93. (new) A method of building a building structure, comprising the steps of:
providing a support module;
presenting a plurality of enclosed room modules;
attaching each room module to the support module for support thereby in independent cantilevered attachment, and wherein

the step of providing a support module further comprises providing on the support module a chassis member having an array of spaced apart attachment locations, that are suitable for cooperation with and attachment to corresponding attachment mechanisms provided on a room chassis of the room module; and wherein

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the step of attaching each of the room modules comprises attaching each of the room modules at one of several positions of attachment by attaching the room module at one of several different locations along the chassis member of the support module.

94. (new) A method according to Claim 93, wherein the step of attaching each room module to the support module comprises the steps of:

- attaching one or more guide rails to the support module;
- locating the room module on the guide rail;
- driving the room module along the guide rail into engagement with the support module; and
- attaching the room module to the support module

95. (new) A method according to Claim 94, further comprising the step of removing each room module from the support module comprising the steps of:

- attaching one or more guide rails to the support module;
- locating the room module on the guide rail;
- detaching the room module from the support module; and
- driving the room module along the guide rail away from the support module.

96. (new) A kit for building a building structure, comprising:

- a support module; and

- a plurality of enclosed room modules, each room module being independently attachable to the support module such that it is cantilevered therefrom, and

- attachment mechanisms on the support module comprising an array of spaced apart attachment locations provided along a chassis member of the support module, each of which attachment locations being suitable for co-operation with and attachment to corresponding attachment mechanisms provided on a room chassis of a room module, the position of attachment of the room module with respect to the support module being variable by attaching the room module at different locations along the chassis member of the support module.